route subject to compliance of the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 and the regulations of the appropriate Electricity Regulatory Commission.

Electrification of villages

†1063. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed the target to provide electricity to every village by 2009; and

(b) the number of private sector companies with whom agreements have been made to achieve the said target?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir. Government of India has introduced a new scheme in April, 2005 named "Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) — Scheme for Rural Electricity Infrastructure and Households Electrification" for electrifying all villages and habitations, providing access to electricity to all households, giving electricity connections to Below Poverty Line families free of charge in five years, by 2009.

(b) So far REC has not entered into agreement with any private sector company to achieve the said target.

Growth of power generation

1064. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the power generation achieved in the country during each of the last three years;

(b) the rate of growth of power generation in the country during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the present rate of growth of power generation is sufficient to meet the ever rising need for electricity;

(d) if so, the justifications therefor; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(e) if not, the steps being taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) The electricity generation and its growth in the country during the years 2002-03 to 2004-05 and April-June, 2005 is given below:

Year	Electricity Generation (MU)	% Growth
2002-03	5,31,607	3.2
2003-04	5,58,336	5.0
2004-05	5,87,416	5.2
April-June, 2005	1,54,305	7.5

(c) to (e) There is an overall shortage of power in the country. The shortage varied from State to State, month to month and hour to hour. The rate of growth of net energy requirement and energy generation during the current year (April-June, 2005) *vis-a-vis* the corresponding period of last year was 10.6% and 7.5% respectively. Various measures are being taken/ proposed to be taken to improve the availability of power in the country which include — maximising the generation from existing capacity, expediting commissioning of on-going power generation projects, early stabilisation of newly commissioned units, tapping surplus power from captive power plants, load management, energy conservation, etc.

Generation and Consumption of Power

1065. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the power generation and consumption, State-wise;

(b) the percentage of shortage during the summer season this year;

(c) whether Government have conducted any study to tide over the summer crisis every year;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?